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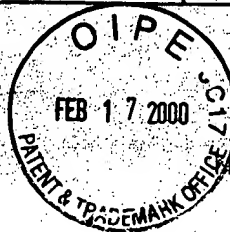
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION
Filing Date Granted

Def Due 2-29-00

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of ☐ \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or ☒ \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a ☐ small entity (statement filed) ☒ non-small entity is \$ 0.

☐ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

☐ missing.

☒ insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$ _____ to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

☐ 2. The following additional claims fees are due:

\$ _____ for _____ total claims over 20.

\$ _____ for _____ independent claims over 3.

\$ _____ for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

☒ 3. The oath or declaration:

☒ is missing or unsigned.

☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

☐ 7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

☐ 8. The application was filed in a language other than English.

Applicant must file a verified English translation of the application, the \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).

☐ 9. OTHER:

Direct the reply and any questions about this notice to "Attention: Box Missing Parts."

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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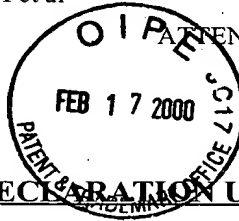
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Reinhard BEUTH et al

SERIAL NO.: 09/442,756

FILING DATE: November 18, 1999

FOR: FLEXIBLE PIPE



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FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f)

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SIR:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Form PTO-1533) dated December 29, 1999, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith an executed Rule 63 Declaration. The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

The Declaration enclosed herewith contains the following information:

Names of Inventors
Title of Invention
Attorney Docket Number
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thereby adequately identifying the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63, as set forth in MPEP Section 601.01.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**FORM PTO-1533 (RETURN COPY); FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R.
§1.53(f); DECLARATION (EXECUTED, 4 PP.); REQUEST FOR PRIORITY,
CERTIFIED COPY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT (1); INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT; FORM PTO-1449; CITED REFERENCE (1, WITH ATTACHED
ENGLISH ABSTRACT)**

Our check in the amount of \$-0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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